



# CIP Highlights



## Message from the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP)

At the beginning of this year, we would like to thank our Members, Associate Members and Strategic Partners for trusting the S/CIP, so that we can continue working for the development of ports in the Americas, particularly in strengthening human resources, exchanging best practices, and fostering hemispheric cooperation for port development. We also want to share with you how we will continue working in 2016:

- Support the strengthening of institutional capacities of the port sector through the promotion and increased training opportunities, as well as organizing hemispheric events of the highest level.
- Support the development of comprehensive and effective policies, through the establishment of a Port Legislation Model.
- As part of the Second Edition of Maritime Awards of the Americas, promote port development that is innovative, competitive, safe and sustainable, recognizing successful and innovative practices in the maritime and port sectors of OAS Member States.
- Promote programs to reduce greenhouse gases and air pollution generated by ships; promote the protection of the marine environment through the collaborative initiative called "Save Our Seas" that raises awareness about the environment.
- Through the Caribbean Framework for Maritime/Port Safety and Security, maintain a direct communication and implement a regional platform for port security officials.

**We invite you to visit of our [Portal CIP](#) where you will find information on the activities to be carried out in 2016!**

**The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports welcomes its new Associate Members: Port of Valparaiso and The Maritime Alliance**



**Port of Valparaiso** is located in Valparaiso, Chile, in the Northwest of the capital, Santiago. Port of Valparaiso is fundamental for service delivery due to its locations, as the central region covers more than 50% of the

country's population and its economic activity Valparaiso is the closest port in the west coast of Chile to Los Libertadores, the main route between Chile and Argentina through the Andes. It is a point of entry/departure of cargo to and from the Pacific Rim to the MERCOSUR market.

Port of Valparaiso has a solid, unique logistics model, one of a kind in Chile, which controls the port-logistics chain through its system, SILOGPORT that interconnects all players in the logistics-port chain from both, public and private networks. For further information on Puerto Valparaiso, [click here](#).



**The Maritime Alliance (TMA)** is a BlueTech industry association created in 2007 that focuses on economic development, business

ecosystem development, and national & international outreach. TMA focuses on 16 industry sectors including technology and service innovation, defense & security, desalination & water technology, marine spatial planning, marine transportation, maritime robotics, and ports & shipping, among others. The Maritime Alliance is also the cluster organizer of the San Diego maritime technology community and fosters maritime business and technology innovation through collaboration around the U.S. and the world. The Maritime Alliance believes that multinational collaboration at academic, business, and government levels are essential to create a win-win environment. For further information, [click here](#).

**Panama Canal Expansion – How Will It Impact Your Port's Business?**



The wider locks and deeper drafts of the post-expansion Panama Canal will facilitate the transit of container ships of up to 13,000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), representing an increase of more than 260% above current capacity. In addition, a significantly greater number of non-container vessels, such as tankers, will now be able to transit the Canal.



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## PORT AND MARITIME INDUSTRY NEWS

To accommodate the larger ships that will transit the Panama Canal, Western Hemisphere ports will need to adapt to higher peak loads by increasing investments in cargo handling equipment, storage facilities, and the logistical infrastructures required to move containers, liquids, dry bulk, and break-bulk goods. For that, HudsonAnalytix, Inc., an Associate Member of the Inter-American Committee on Ports, offers their knowledge and experience on the subject of trade, from legal frameworks and governance structures, to regulatory policies and economic trends. Hudson Analytix provides support in designing, implementing, and sustaining meaningful international trade support strategies and services for ports seeking to adapt to the changing Western Hemisphere trade environment. For further information, [click here](#).



### COMPAS: Constant Growth.

In the next five years, Compas plans to invest \$ 414 million to modernize its terminals and to advance new projects.

It will allocate 40 percent of that amount to specialize its Cartagena facilities in container business. It will assign another 30 percent to the construction of the port of Aguadulce in Buenaventura, and use the remaining 30 in technological improvement and xpansion of port concessions that it has today. To view the full story, please [click here](#).



### Seminar on Dredging and Reclamation

In the context of the institutional strengthening activities undertaken by the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP), and in cooperation with the International Association of Dredging Companies (IADC), the Seminar on Dredging and Reclamation will take place in Panama City, Panama from April 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Panama hotel. The registration fee is € 3,100.- per person. An additional discount of € 500 is available paragraph Members of the IPC. For further information, [click here](#).



The IMO Council has endorsed proposal by Secretary-General Koji Sekimizu to adopt "Shipping: indispensable to the world" as the World Maritime Day theme for 2016.

Addressing the IMO Council, meeting for its 28th Extraordinary Session at IMO Headquarters in London, Mr. Sekimizu affirmed that the theme would provide an opportunity to focus on the critical link between shipping and global society and to raise awareness of the relevance of the role of IMO as the global regulatory body for international shipping. The World Maritime Day theme provides a focus for year-round activities while the day itself is celebrated at IMO headquarters and around the world in the last week of September. For further information, please [click here](#).

**Current situation of Ports in Argentina, according to the Controller of Argentina's National Port Authority.** The controller of Argentina's National Port Authority, Sergio Borrelli, has stated that it isn't thinkable that the country's ports can become competitive, if competition is so fragmented and so savage that nobody can invest because the market isn't big enough to even cover annual operating costs." Mr Borrelli added that the ports industry is driven by economies of scale and that dividing space up between lots of terminals is futile, since there is no way that investment can be justified. He offered up Chile and Peru as examples where container handling has been successfully concentrated. For more details, [click here](#).

### Interested in becoming an Associate Member of the CIP?

Click [here](#) for further information on the benefits of joining, opportunities for collaboration and the formal application procedures or contact the [CIP](#)

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